

APPLICABLE LAW
Case No. 03-153

RCW 42.17.020(14) states in part: “(a) “Contribution” includes: ... (ii) An expenditure made by a person in cooperation, consultation, or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate, a political committee, or their agents;”

WAC 390-05-190 states: “Agent -- Definition. ‘Agent,’ as that term is used in chapter 42.17 RCW and Title 390 WAC, means a person, whether the authority or consent is direct or indirect, express or implied, oral or written, who:

- (1) Is authorized by another to act on his or her behalf; or
- (2) Represents and acts for another with the authority or consent of the person represented; or
- (3) Acts for or in place of another by authority from him or her.”

WAC 390-05-210 states in part: “(3) **Consulting with a state, local or judicial candidate.** An expenditure made by a person in cooperation, consultation, concert or collaboration with, or at the request or suggestion of a candidate, the candidate's authorized committee or agent is a contribution to such candidate. An expenditure is presumed to be made in cooperation, consultation, concert or collaboration with, or at the request or suggestion of a candidate, the candidate's authorized committee or agent when:

(a) Any arrangement, coordination or direction by the candidate, the candidate’s authorized committee or agent is given to the expending person prior to the publication, distribution, display or broadcast or political advertising or prior to an expenditure being made by that person supporting that candidate or opposing one or more of that candidate’s opponents; or

(b) An expenditure is made based on information about the candidate's plans, projects or needs provided to the expending person by the candidate, the candidate's authorized committee or agent with a view toward having an expenditure made;

(6) **Consulting with other political committees.** An expenditure made by a person in cooperation, consultation, concert or collaboration with, or at the request or suggestion of a political committee is a contribution to such political committee. An expenditure is presumed to

be made in cooperation, consultation, concert or collaboration with, or at the request or suggestion of a political committee when:

(a) Any arrangement, coordination or direction by the political committee, its agent or another political committee financed, controlled or operated by the committee is given to the expending person prior to the publication, distribution, display or broadcast of political advertising or prior to an expenditure being made by that person supporting that political committee; or

(b) An expenditure is made based on information about the political committee's plans, projects or needs provided to the expending person by the political committee or its agent with a view toward having an expenditure made;"

RCW 42.17.020(33) states: " 'Political committee' means any person (except a candidate or an individual dealing with his or her own funds or property) having the expectation of receiving contributions or making expenditures in support of, or opposition to, any candidate or any ballot proposition."

RCW 42.17.105 states in part: It is a violation of this chapter for any person to make, or for any candidate or political committee to accept from any one person, contributions reportable under RCW 42.17.090 in the aggregate exceeding fifty thousand dollars for any campaign for state-wide office or exceeding five thousand dollars for any other campaign subject to the provisions of this chapter within twenty-one days of a general election.

RCW 42.17.120 states: "No contribution shall be made and no expenditure shall be incurred, directly or indirectly, in a fictitious name, anonymously, or by one person through an agent, relative, or other person in such a manner as to conceal the identity of the source of the contribution or in any other manner so as to effect concealment."